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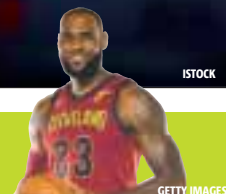
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New York City can be a bit tough to handle in the summer, and Independence Day is the perfect excuse to head out of the five boroughs. Unfortunately, plenty of other people have the same idea. We know you want to spend as much time as you can on the beach, though, and not stuck in bumper-to-bumper traffic, so we have some info on how you can avoid that. Still, plenty of people stay in the city for the 4th, too, so you may need details on how public transit will be operating over the holiday week. We've got it all; read more inside and at [metro.us](http://metro.us).

WELCOME TO  
METRO.USTHE DEAD RABBIT CLOSES  
INDEFINITELY AFTER FIRE

One of New York's most famous and popular bars, The Dead Rabbit, is closed indefinitely after a fire in a neighboring building caused extensive damage. At least five FDNY trucks responded to the two-alarm blaze on Sunday morning on Water Street in Lower Manhattan that caused "considerable fire and water damage," according to a Twitter post from the bar. "Closed until further notice. There was a fire but don't have much details apart from that," co-owner Jack McGarry said on Instagram. "No one was hurt and we will bounce

back but don't know when." The Dead Rabbit opened in 2013 and was voted World's Best New Cocktail Bar the same year, with a World's Best Bartender accolade for McGarry to boot, and has continued to rack up awards since. Besides its noteworthy cocktails, it's the traditional Irish atmosphere (the downstairs taproom even has sawdust on the floor), extensive whiskey collection and live music nearly every night that has drawn long waits even on weeknights. The bar had just completed a major expansion this spring, doubling in size after taking over the space

FRENCH GANGSTER IN HE-  
LIPTER PRISON ESCAPE

A French gangster is on the run Sunday after escaping in a helicopter that landed on prison grounds, according to France's justice ministry. Redoine Faïd was serving a 25-year sentence at a prison south of Paris for an armed robbery that went wrong in 2010, which led to the death of a policewoman. He is one of the country's most infamous criminals whose police record has reportedly inspired Hollywood blockbuster movies such as "Scarface" and "Heat." Justice Minister Nicole Belloubet said a helicopter

landed in a courtyard not covered by any nets. "This was a spectacular escape," she told reporters. "It was an extremely well-prepared commando unit that may have used drones to survey the area beforehand." Two heavily armed gunmen jumped from the helicopter to free Faïd from the visitors' room where he was visiting with one of his brothers before hopping into the helicopter, she said. A third gunman had stayed in the helicopter with the pilot, who had been taken hostage. Nobody was injured and police arrested Faïd's brother.

## IMMIGRATION MIGRANTS PROTEST

People hold placards during a "Families Belong Together" march and rally in New York on Saturday as thousands turned out to decry the Trump administration's detention of families policy at the U.S.-Mexico border. Thousands of demonstrators, baking in the heat and opposed to the U.S. immigration policy, marched across the country to protest the separation of families under President Donald Trump's hardline agenda.



BESS ADLER

BOISE KIDS INJURED  
AT BIRTHDAY PARTY

A man went on a stabbing spree at a 3-year-old's birthday party at an apartment complex that housed refugee families in Boise on Saturday. Nine people, including six children, were injured, police said on Sunday. Timmy Kinner, a 30-year-old from Los Angeles who had been staying at the complex, was injured, police said, according to Boise police. He is reportedly not an immigrant and went on the rampage a day after being asked to leave by one of the residents. Kinner was being held without bail at the Ada County jail on 15 charges,

including injury to a child and aggravated battery, according to court records, where there was no lawyer listed for Kinner. Police Chief Bill Bones said at a press conference on Sunday that Kinner may have wanted to "extract vengeance" for being kicked out by a woman tenant who took him in. She was unharmed and not at the residence during the attack. Kinner assaulted the children at the party after he was unable to find the woman, police said, adding his motive was still under investigation. "This was an attack against those who are most vulnerable, our children."

PUTIN CONGRATULATES  
RUSSIA FOR CUP WIN

President Vladimir Putin congratulated Russia's World Cup team for its win over Spain in a phone call to the manager, the Kremlin said on Sunday. The host country marked the surprise victory with raucous street celebrations. Russia entered the soccer World Cup ranked by FIFA as the tournament's weakest team but defied expectations by beating Saudi Arabia and Egypt and reaching the quarter finals. The unexpected success of the national team has been a political boon for Putin but the Russian president has attended only Russia's opening World

Cup match. He was unable to attend the game against Spain at Russia's flagship Luzhniki stadium in Moscow because of a busy schedule, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov was quoted as saying by Interfax news agency. Putin reportedly watched the game remotely. "Just like the whole country, Putin watched the game from start to finish and cheered for our [lads]," Peskov said. After the match, Moscow erupted in street celebrations with throngs of people dancing in squares, street musicians playing the national anthem and fans chanting "Russia!"

## STATS

IMMIGRATION:  
HARDER OR EASIER

Compared to most other nations in the world, is it harder or easier to stay in the United States once you've entered the country illegally? Or is the level of difficulty about the same?



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				2 people	\$57,771 – \$108,550
1 bedroom	100% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	\$1,881	6	→ 1 person	\$64,491 – \$95,030
				2 people	\$64,491 – \$108,550
2 bedrooms	100% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	\$2,270	1	→ 2 people	\$77,829 – \$108,550
				3 people	\$77,829 – \$122,070
				4 people	\$77,829 – \$135,590
2 bedrooms	105% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	\$2,387	4	→ 2 people	\$81,840 – \$108,550
				3 people	\$81,840 – \$122,070
				4 people	\$81,840 – \$135,590
2 bedrooms	110% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	\$2,505	4	→ 2 people	\$85,886 – \$108,550
				3 people	\$85,886 – \$122,070
				4 people	\$85,886 – \$135,590
2 bedrooms	115% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (AMI) UNITS	\$2,622	2	→ 2 people	\$89,897 – \$108,550
				3 people	\$89,897 – \$122,070
				4 people	\$89,897 – \$135,590

<sup>1</sup> Tenant is responsible for electricity and gas (cooking and heating).

<sup>2</sup> Household size includes everyone who will live with you, including parents and children. Subject to occupancy criteria.

<sup>3</sup> Household earnings includes salary, hourly wages, tips, Social Security, child support, and other income. Income guidelines subject to change.

<sup>4</sup> Minimum income listed may not apply to applicants with Section 8 or other qualifying rental subsidies. Asset limits also apply.

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#### When is the Deadline?

Applications must be postmarked or submitted online no later than **August 10, 2018**. Late applications will not be considered.

#### What Happens After You Submit an Application?

After the deadline, applications are selected for review through a lottery process. If you are selected and you appear to qualify, you will be invited to an appointment to continue the process of determining your eligibility. Appointments are usually scheduled from 2 to 10 months after the application deadline. You will be asked to bring documents that verify your household size, identity of members of your household, and your household income.

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## NEWS



How to avoid Fourth of July traffic so you can enjoy the most out of your summer holiday. GETTY IMAGES

# Expect awful July Fourth travel traffic

Millions of Americans are expected to hit the road this holiday week.



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New Yorkers are pretty accustomed to crowds, but even if you're used to getting stuck in (foot) traffic on the subway stairs during your morning commute, you don't want to waste the precious time of your Fourth of July travel plans sitting bumper-to-bumper on the bridge.

According to the American Automobile Association (AAA), nearly 47 million Americans will embark on some

form of travel 50 miles or more from their homes this week, and nearly 40 million of those will travel by car. Overall, that's a 5 percent increase from last year and the highest number AAA has seen since it started this tracking 18 years ago.

That surge in Fourth of July travel has to do with strong economic variables, the insurance agency said, and the fact that the holiday falls mid week on Wednesday this year, "giving travelers more flexibility to schedule a trip the weekend before or after the holiday."

For New Yorkers, the worst time to embark on Fourth of July travel is between 3:30 and 6:30 on Tuesday. During that

window, because traffic could extend your trip a whopping 2.3 times.

But the upcoming beach holiday doesn't mean the city will be completely empty. Plenty of New Yorkers stay in town and some residents from nearby states flood in. According to HotelTonight, New York City is the top destination for Fourth of July travel followed by Long Island.

If you want another reason to convince your friends to spend the Fourth in the city (rather than in traffic), there's this: New York is ranked as the No. 1 place to celebrate, according to Wallethub, thanks to its plethora of Independence Day attractions, such as fireworks.

# MTA plans holiday service changes

If you're planning to travel via MTA mass transit for the Fourth, here's what you need to know.

The MTA will add extra getaway trains on Tuesday, the day before the holiday, on the LIRR, Metro-North and Staten Island Railway, and all three railroads will operate on their Sunday schedules on July 4.

On Tuesday, Metro-North will have 17 additional getaway train departures from Grand Central Terminal between 1 p.m. and 4:11 p.m. Starting at 2:22 p.m. on Tuesday, LIRR will add eight train departures from Penn Station, four on the Babylon Branch, one on the Far Rockaway Branch and three on the Port Jefferson Branch.

With the Macy's 4th of July fireworks celebration

taking place in the East River between 23rd Street and 41st Street from 9:25 p.m. to 9:50 p.m., the MTA will increase subway service on the 4, 7, A, C, F, N and S-42nd Street Shuttle before and after the fireworks.

There will also be holiday fireworks around 9:45 p.m. in Coney Island and around 9:25 p.m. at Exchange Place in Jersey City, and if crowds of New Yorkers go to Battery Park and Battery Park City in Lower Manhattan, the MTA said that N trains will provide additional service via the Montague tunnel to Whitehall Street and Rector Street.

MTA buses will operate on a Saturday schedule for the Fourth of July. The MTA warned that the M9, M14 A/D, M15 local, M15 SBS, M23 SBS, M34

SBS, M42, M50, M101, M102, M103, B24, B32, B43, B62, Q24, Q32, Q59, Q60, Q102 and Q103 bus routes could be affected by delays and detours.

For Staten Island Railway service, the getaway schedule will also be in effect on Tuesday with one express train and one local train awaiting every Staten Island Ferry boat until 7:50 p.m. On the Fourth, the SIR will run on a Sunday schedule.

All routine maintenance and temporary construction work on MTA bridges and tunnels will be suspended Tuesday at 1 p.m. through the morning rush hour on Thursday to accommodate vehicular travel for 4th of July.

For the full schedules, visit [mta.info](http://mta.info).

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# Doctors Urge Knee Pain Sufferers

## “Don’t Get ANY Surgery Until You See This...”

*After Years Of Intense Study, NYC Medical Clinic Finally Reveals It’s Best “Treatment Formula” For Helping Knee Arthritis Sufferers... Especially When So Many Other Treatments Have Failed*

**NEW YORK CITY** - If you are even remotely interested in discovering how the latest scientific discoveries can possibly help your knee pain... then this is going to be the most exciting information you ever read.

**Here is why:** Knee pain can not only be brutal... it’s complex. In other words, it’s not a simple, easy fix.

But I’m sure you already know that. Or you wouldn’t be reading this.

**That’s the bad news.**

**Now for some good news...**

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It’s amazing when patients who were once in excruciating pain... start feeling better. And start walking again. And playing golf. Or tennis. And finally getting their lives back.

Especially when they had gone to other doctors and tried so many other things.

So many had given up hope.

Sound familiar? If it does... check this out...

### **The Treatment Formula**

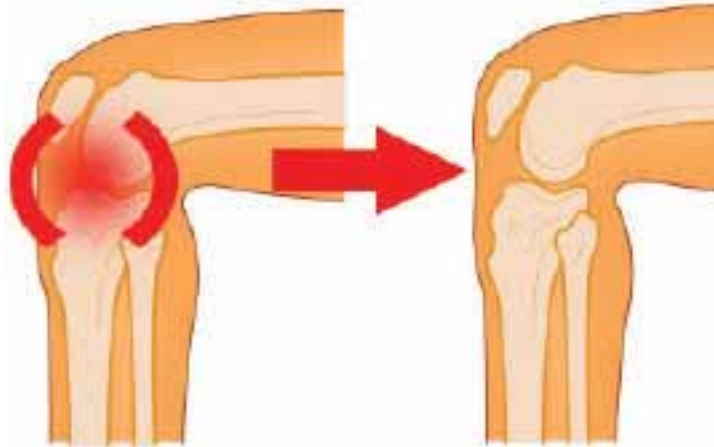
While I can’t give you the entire treatment formula here (there is not enough space and WAY too complicated ) I can give you the basics. And more important... I can tell you what it might be able to do for YOU.

The first and most important part of the formula is: **PATIENT SELECTION.**

This means, *NYC Pain MD* has a detailed screening process to tell who is most likely to be helped by their treatments... and who is not.

If you qualify, you have the opportunity to move forward and experience the worldclass treatments that *NYC Pain MD* offers.

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- Stem Cell Therapy (Lipogems)
- Genicular Knee Block
- And more.

Once again, there is not enough space to go into detail about all these procedures... but here are some things you **MUST KNOW...**

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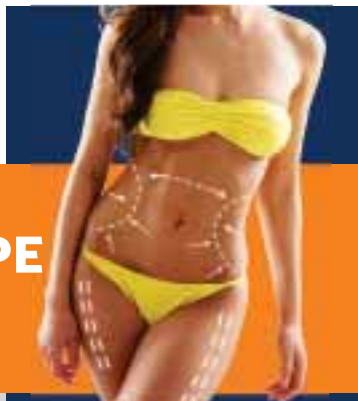
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A pilot program aims to add more affordable housing options by building new basement apartments. REGULUSALPHA/FLICKR  
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## NYC pilot program aims to make legal, safe basement apartments in Brooklyn

It's no secret that affordable housing in New York City is scarce. Now, Mayor Bill de Blasio has announced a new effort he says will add more housing options via new basement apartments.

The mayor recently announced a pilot program to create and renovate apartments in the basements and cellars of certain one- and two-family homes in East New York, Brooklyn.

City Council Members Brad Lander, Rafael Espinal and Inez Barron initially proposed the legislation, backed by de Blasio, to create more apartments in Brooklyn Community District 5.

"The city is using innovative strategies to unlock more affordable housing at every level — including the basement," de Blasio said in a statement. "This program will increase the stock of affordable housing in East New York, provide additional income to homeowners, and ensure tenant safety. This administration will continue to

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Mayor  
Bill de Blasio

utilize every tool we have to tackle affordability head on."

The de Blasio administration has invested \$11.7 million into the three year program.

Not every current basement apartment in New York City is legal because they have to meet certain conditions approved by the Department of Buildings but plenty of New Yorkers still live in illegal base-

**\$11.7M**

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ment apartments. These New Yorkers typically do not have a lease, according to the city, and also have limited rights and live in "substandard conditions."

This pilot program aims to allow housing owners to create safe and legal basement apartments to supplement the city's strained housing stock.

"In East New York, I can comfortably estimate that over 75 percent of the basements are being rented illegally," Espinal said in a statement, "so this will help homeowners by providing an avenue for income while helping tenants by providing an affordable and safe place to live."

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Russia's World Cup win over Spain will be one more interesting topic for discussion at July 16's Trump-Putin summit. GETTY IMAGES



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## WITH PUTIN ROOTIN' FOR THE HOME TEAM, THE FIX-SKI IS IN

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tender" to Putin's many titles now?

There on the pitch in Moscow, in the 114th minute of a drab-but-important Russia-Spain match on Sunday, Russia's victory was sealed when Spain had a late penalty turned down. Spain's Gerard Pique and Sergio Ramos were both slammed down by a mob of Russian defenders. Yet the referee was never instructed to review the encounter and waved the play on.

Russia went on to win the game on penalties.

Spanish fans were in an understandable uproar. The collision sure looked one-sided and the consequences were profound. So, why no review? Where was the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) who is supposed to study the video footage and settle close or controversial calls?

**S**teal an American election, steal a World Cup match — is it all in a day's work for the Russian strongman Donald Trump praises so often and so lavishly?

Football fans around the world certainly have fresh cause to be suspicious of Vladimir Putin. Do we have to add "unofficial Russian goal-

Were match officials intimidated by Putin's ruthless reputation or his prominent presence in the stands, rooting for the home team? Millions of Twitters users and not just in Spain, needed no further convincing: He'd slammed his big, fat fist on the scale.  
"Putin was standing

behind the VAR officials with a Polonium Sandwich," tweeted @HashtagObvious.

"Ref had to balance making the right decision against his ability to touch car door handles with confidence for rest of life," tweeted @MenInBlazers.

The one active Twitter account that remained oddly silent was one that is silent on almost nothing else, @realDonaldTrump.

Trump and Putin are meeting July 16 in Helsinki, Sweden, for a one-on-one mutually flattering summit. After Trump gets done grilling Putin about Russia's long-proven hack-attack on the 2016 election, the U.S. president can mention the highly questionable World Cup call.

Oh, that's right. On the election attack, Trump still accepts Putin's long-discredited denials, tweeting again last week: "Russia continues to say they had nothing to do with Meddling in our Election!" — exclamation point most assuredly the American president's.

Sorry, Spain, you're a NATO ally. There's no hope for you here.



# The Statue of Liberty Museum needs your help

When the Statue of Liberty needed a boost in 1885, the American people stepped in. Now, a new museum showcasing the statue's history and legacy on Liberty Island is turning to the world for a little help.

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Besides being a fitting gesture to continue the legacy of friendship that inspired France to gift the Statue of Liberty to the U.S. in 1886, the campaign also echoes an important piece of the statue's own history.

A gift of friendship from France to the United States, the statue was completed by sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi and engineer Gustave Eiffel (yes, of the tower) in 1884. But New York City couldn't commit the final \$100,000 needed to build her a sufficiently grand pedestal from where her torch could serve as a beacon to the ships full of immigrants she is meant

to welcome.

Enter publishing magnate Joseph Pulitzer, who led what may have been America's first crowdfunding campaign to get Lady Liberty's pedestal built. More than 120,000 contributions flooded in, most of them less than \$1, and Pulitzer printed their names in his newspaper, the New York World.

"From building Lady Liberty's pedestal in the 1880s to contributing to the 1986 centennial restoration, the American people have given whatever they could afford to support the Statue," says Richard Flood, vice president and chief advancement officer for The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation. "This crowdfunding campaign honors that history, ensuring that our fundraising efforts are inclusive, while also expanding the opportunity to a worldwide audience."

When the statue was badly in need of restoration 100 years later, the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation was created to raise the funds. Once again, it was communities across the country who answered the call, including schoolchildren donating pennies, raising more than \$6 million.

For Lady Liberty includes several reward tiers, including commemorative items and a memorial within the museum itself. All donations go toward the ongoing fundraising initiative led by chairwoman and fashion icon Diane von Furstenberg.

The Statue of Liberty Museum will offer three

galleries exploring the museum's construction — including a re-creation of the workshop where it was built — and a spectacular new showcase for her original torch. It's expected to open in May 2019 and will be free to visit. EVA KIS



Rendering of the museum, set to open in May 2019. STATUE OF LIBERTY-ELLIS ISLAND FOUNDATION

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The museum will tell Lady Liberty's story and showcase her original torch. EVA KIS



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Grumble Editor

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##### SECONDHAND SMOKE!

Smoking Outside. Although I don't like passing people huddled outside buildings smoking, I get it. They can't smoke in the building. What I find really annoying are people who sit on

## the GRUMBLE



their front step to smoke? They don't want to pollute the air in their house, so they smoke outside. What about the public air that they are polluting with their

smoke. Many public spaces are now smoke free due to health concerns. I wish streets could be smoke free too. - Eno Beaumont, Metro Philly reader

##### WALK ON THE RIGHT SIDE!

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through subway passage the majority walking traffic thinks they have the right to walk all over the passageway and opposing traffic has to be pushed to the wall? If you try to hold your ground and dare to move away from the wall you risk being bumped and causing a fight. You getting to where you have to go is not more important than anyone else getting to where they have to go.

- Kendall Burgess, Metro US reader

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**Gemini** Travel may entice you, but make sure your plans are well thought out before taking off. Leave nothing to chance. Romance and personal improvement will lead to happier days ahead.



**Cancer** Someone you help will change your way of thinking or doing things. A meeting or new pursuit will surpass your expectations. A favor that will help you advance will be granted.



**Leo** Put greater emphasis on how you handle your money. Emotionally motivated spending will not make you feel better, but taking on a physical challenge will help blow off steam.



**Virgo** A change to your environment will spark your enthusiasm and encourage you to start a new project or pursue something you've wanted to do for some time. Get moving.



**Libra** If there is something you don't like, change it. Don't wait for someone else to make the first move. What you contribute now will give your voice strength in days to come.



**Scorpio** Know what you want to accomplish before you get started. Having a destination will make your journey that much easier. Strive for perfection and quality, not for quantity.



**Sagittarius** The changes someone else makes may not work that well for you. Look at the situation closely and proceed to do your own thing. Don't take an unnecessary risk.



**Capricorn** If you open up about what you want, you will be able to bring about positive change. Alter your living arrangements or consider how you can best utilize your space.



**Aquarius** Inconsistency should be a warning sign when dealing with others. Take note of the other party's spending habits and indulgences before you get involved in a joint venture.



**Pisces** Look at what you can do with what you already have. Your wealth is within you, and using your attributes to get to where you want to go will be sufficient. EUGENIA LAST



## LIFESTYLE

"GLOW" season 2 is  
now on Netflix. MANDEE  
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## Rebekka Johnson on 'GLOW' season 2's #MeToo arrival

The hit Netflix series is  
back for another round  
in the ring.



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When the first season of "GLOW" premiered last summer, the Netflix series quickly became a favorite among critics and viewers. Alison Brie and Marc Maron led the largely female cast through 10 episodes that juggled comedy, drama and the theatrics of wrestling with great success, and now they're back.

Ahead of the second season premiere, we spoke with Rebekka Johnson, who, along with frequent collaborator Kimmy Gatewood, plays half of the wrestling tag team the Beantown Biddies. Johnson's Dawn and Gatewood's Stacey are two of the series' highlights, largely due to the writing of showrunners Liz Flahive and Carly Mensch. Yet the pair's sketch comedy background, which played a huge role in the duo's creation, is just as effective.

That's why they were able to put their improv skills to good use again in season 2.

"They definitely took our sketch background into account," she says. "You'll get to see us play more than just the Beantown Biddies. They gave us a lot of leeway with these other characters that we get to play."

Wrestling and comedy notwithstanding, "GLOW" is also very much a show of the current #MeToo zeitgeist in Hollywood. Yes, the first season preceded the publicized allegations against Harvey Weinstein and Louis C.K. but the show itself is about women struggling in the entertainment industry during the '80s. Season 1 is chock-full of storylines reminiscent of the current moment and season 2 will have even more of them.

"GLOW" is addressing the problem in its own way. The #MeToo and #TimesUp movements didn't invent the problem. They're just shining a light on it so that we can hopefully make it stop," Johnson explains.

"While we were shooting the first season, and when they were writing it, the movement was underground. It wasn't named yet."

Johnson notes that "there's been a shift in America, when it comes to discussing sexual assault and sexual harassment." Primarily because the people who have experienced, or are still experiencing, assault or harassment "are coming out and talking about what they've experienced."

"GLOW" is just part of that movement," she says, and she's totally correct. New series like AMC's "Dietland" are also a part of these movements in the industry. Even so, that "GLOW" exists now is a testament to what's happening. For not only is the cast principally comprised of women, but so too is the creative team.

"It's such an inspirational place to work," says Johnson. "It's so awesome how many women are a part of this process, both behind and in front of the camera. It really makes for a safe environment."

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## Find a reason to celebrate July 4th

Listen, our democracy isn't doing so well, but between Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez shaking up the Democratic Party and Robert Mueller's ongoing investigation, we have reasons to be hopeful. So find some

reason, any reason, to celebrate, whether it's cheering on the competitors of Nathan's Hot Dog Eating Contest in Coney Island or dancing for eight hours on a Brooklyn rooftop and pausing only to watch the fireworks.

## Tap into a classic dance style

Did you know the art of tapping was born right here in New York? The American Tap Dance Foundation's Tap City festival returns for its 18th season, so put on your dancing shoes (or watch international stars tap it out) on a Hudson River cruise with a live band, see what's new in the tap world at the Rhythm in Motion concert at Symphony Space, and take part in a massive outdoor tap dance session in Times Square. **July 7-13, free-\$45, atdf.org**



## Celebrate the legacy of hip-hop

Now in its 13th year, the Brooklyn Hip-Hop Festival remains the city's largest celebration of hip-hop culture and its positive impact with concerts, talks and exhibitions. This year's Homecoming Concert headliners are Yasiin Bey (Mos Def) and Talib Kweli, with events including Hip-Hop Jeopardy and the Juice Hip-Hop Exhibit with dance battles, a sneaker exhibit and live art-making. **July 9-14, \$15-\$199, bkhiphop-festival.com**

## Go see an outdoor movie

Now that the wild weather swings of June are done, it's time to take your moviewatching outdoors. Hudson River Flicks returns to Hudson River Park with the thriller *Get Out* for the grown-ups (July 11) and *Moana* for the kids (July 13), Brooklyn Bridge Park's always packed and always amazing Movies With a View opens with *Desperately Seeking Susan* (July 12), and Coney Island's Flicks on the Beach will take us Back to the Future (July 23).

## Sample Broadway's hit shows for free

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See Yasiin Bey (Mos Def) at the Brooklyn Hip-Hop Festival.  
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# This truTV game show is helping people wipe out their student debt



"Paid Off with Michael Torpey" premieres July 10 on truTV. JEREMY FREEMAN, TRUTV

premiering July 10 on truTV. The series follows similar parameters as tried and true standards like "Jeopardy" or "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," but instead gives contestants chances to win money or even wipe out their student debt entirely by answering trivia questions.

According to Torpey, even though the show is helping the people who are lucky enough to compete for the chance to alleviate their debt, the main goal is to draw attention to the massive problem plaguing people nationwide.

"We're giving away money to people who really need it," explains Torpey, "but I only shot 16 episodes. Even if I live to be a million years old, we can't get to everybody. Putting a face on this issue is the more important part of this show."

## Facing the challenge

Unlike a lot of Americans, Torpey lucked out when it came time for him to go to school. His parents were able to take out a second line of equity on their home in order to send him to study theater at Colgate University. But when he realized how much his wife had been struggling to pay off her loans after studying to be a psychotherapist, he truly started to understand the toll that this kind of debt can have on someone's life.

After booking an acting gig on a national campaign for Hanes underwear with Michael Jordan, Torpey was able to pay off his wife's loans in full. To say it was a liberating moment is an understatement.

"When we wrote this check and I saw the tears in her eyes," remembers Torpey, "I realized the emotional aspect of debt and what it does to someone every day. I really felt embarrassed that I didn't understand what she was going through."

Debt can hold people back from taking the

kinds of risks they would need to follow their true passions, he says. "As long as we continue to have college be such an expensive thing — you're going to be pushing people into a smaller window of professions."

"Who's going to pay for law school and then work for the Southern Poverty Law Center? No — they're going to become Panasonic's corporate lawyer. We need people to do all of these jobs that society requires."

## Calling on Congress

The whole show is revolutionary in both feel and concept and — as someone who is still paying off his student loans — I couldn't help but clench my fists rooting for these contestants. Torpey is a natural as a game show host, making transitions with charm and ease.

He also finds the right time to add sobering moments to make the viewers step away from the fun and realize what kind of a mess we are in. In one episode, after the commercial break, he addresses the viewers at home by saying, "If you are just tuning in — this is real life in America."

Torpey considers these instances "Bob Barker" moments and, in an ideal world, we wouldn't need a game show to take on this issue. We could just have Congress abolish the 90% of the student debt owned by the government.

"My show is a standing challenge to Congress," Torpey says. "Put me out of business! Get my show cancelled. I finish each show by saying, 'Call your representatives and tell them that we need a better solution than this game show,' and I absolutely mean it."

"I want Congress to watch this show and be embarrassed that it exists, and feel that they have to do something."

Host Michael Torpey hopes "Paid Off" can spark a conversation around the crippling loan crisis.



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Over 44 million Americans are shackled with \$1.4 billion worth of student debt so it's safe to say we are in the midst of a full-blown crisis in our country.

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## One man's quest

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## SPORTS

# John Tavares leaves Isles, signs with Maple Leafs

The face of the Islanders franchise is gone as he signed a seven-year deal with Toronto on Sunday.



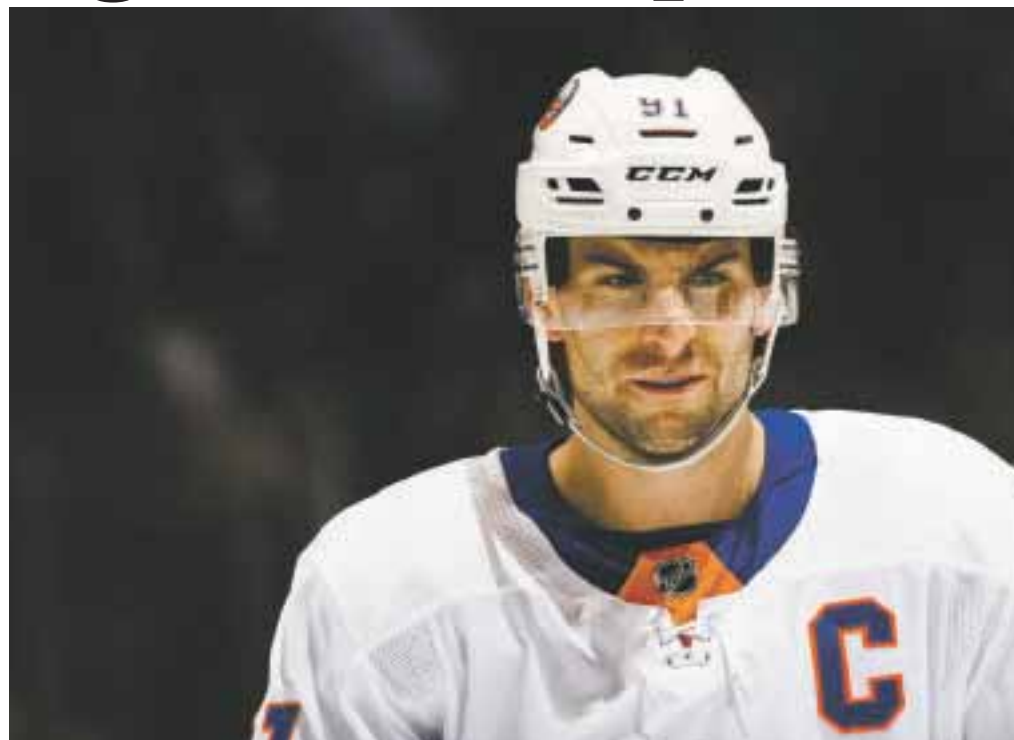
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Add another 24 hours to the list of dark days in New York Islanders history over the past 30 years.

All-Star captain and face of the franchise John Tavares signed a seven-year, \$77 million deal with the Toronto Maple Leafs on Sunday shortly after alerting the Islanders that he would not return.

Tavares confirmed those reports himself when he released a statement via his Twitter:

"These past six days have been nothing I could have ever expected. Making the toughest decision of my life: to stay where I have been my entire career or take a calculated leap of faith into an opportunity that I believe will be special to me and my family. The island has been home, it's what I know, it's part of me — it always will be. I can't thank you all enough for the dedication you have all showed. I'm sorry if this decision pains you, as you can tell it wasn't easy, but have trust in the future because it is bright. The Islanders are in great hands. I am thankful



After expressing his desire to stay with the Islanders and not to be traded, John Tavares left New York to sign with the Toronto Maple Leafs. GETTY IMAGES

that I had the opportunity to be an Islander for as long as I did. The island, the fans, the organization, my teammates will always be special to me and my family but it's time to live my childhood dream here in Toronto."

The writing was on the wall for Tavares' exit after the Jun. 30 deadline in which he could sign an eight-year deal with the Islanders passed. Per the NHL's CBA, the Islanders were the only

team that could have offered him that long of a contract.

It ends a nine-year run with the franchise that drafted him first-overall in 2009. During that span, Tavares developed into the face of the franchise and one of the greatest players in the organization's history. He ranks seventh with 272 goals, fifth with 349 assists and fifth with 621 points.

However, he was unable to achieve much

postseason success with a franchise that has been stuck in neutral since winning four-straight Stanley Cups from 1980-1983. Behind the inept management of former general manager Garth Snow, who was unwilling to provide pieces to

develop the team into a contender around Tavares, the Islanders made the postseason just three times during the 27-year-old's career and won just a single playoff series.

Yet Tavares continued to do and say the right

things over the past year as his contract situation became a hot-button issue, claiming he wanted to stay with the Islanders and telling the team that he did not want to be dealt at the February trade deadline.

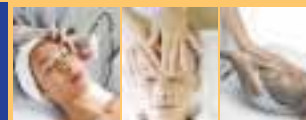
But now the Islanders have allowed Tavares to leave without getting anything in return, a difficult blow to a franchise trying to move in the right direction.

Over the past month, the hiring of Lou Lamoriello as president saw the firing of Snow as GM and head coach Doug Weight. He then followed it up by signing Barry Trotz, fresh off winning a Stanley Cup with the Washington Capitals, as the team's new head coach.

But the personnel changes and an eight-year contract were not enough to keep Tavares as there were too many aspects that were still up in the air. The Islanders still are in need of a No. 1 goaltender, have to improve on one of the worst defenses in the league and are splitting games between the Nassau Coliseum and Barclays Center over the next three years until their new arena near Belmont Park is built.

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# With John Tavares gone, could the Isles pursue Erik Karlsson?

The Islanders need to move forward without their star captain.



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With the opening John Tavares' decision to sign with the Toronto Maple Leafs, the New York Islanders are at a crossroads.

Yes, the franchise has taken a huge step in the right direction over the past month thanks to the hiring of Lou Lamoriello as president and Barry Trotz as head coach, but the Islanders have lost the face of their franchise in Tavares and one of the best centers in the league.

Tavares officially signed with Toronto shortly after the league's free agent period began at 12 p.m. ET on Sunday, giving the Islanders little notice that he was on his

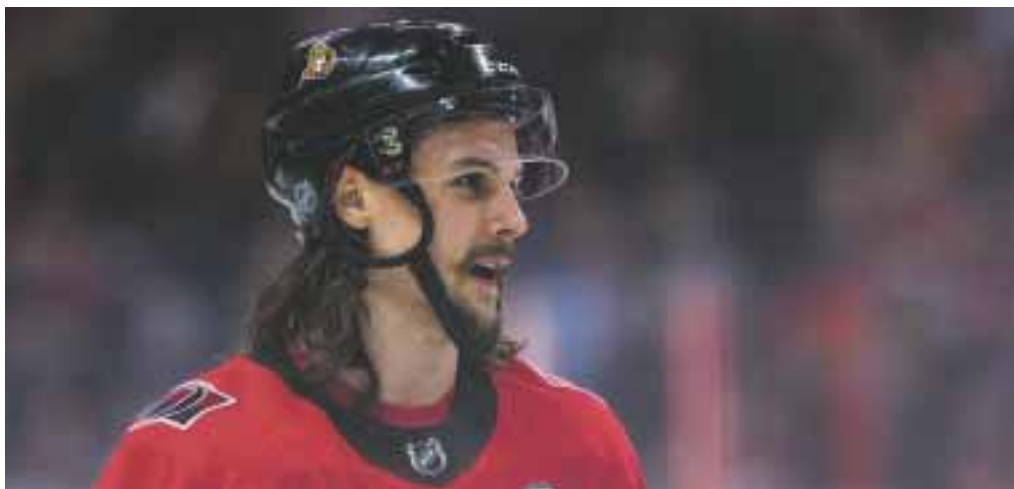
way out.

Lamoriello and the Islanders will have to regroup quickly and try and build a contender around the likes of 40-goal scorer Anders Lee and NHL Rookie of the Year Mathew Barzal.

The largest deficiency on the roster is the team's defense, which was ranked dead-last in the league last season by allowing a staggering 296 goals.

Luckily for the Islanders, they have a Hall-of-Fame executive in Lamoriello pulling the strings in the front office now and one of the best defensemen in the game could very well be available on the trade market.

Ottawa Senators blueliner Erik Karlsson is slated to become a free agent next summer, but the chances of him resigning are unsettling enough that the franchise is entertaining calls for the two-time Norris Trophy winner.



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According to TSN's Bob McKenzie, "action [is] picking up," on trade talks involving Karlsson.

As an added incentive to move Karlsson though, the Senators could be looking to package veteran winger Bobby Ryan in a deal. Once a perennial 30-goal scorer with the Anaheim

Ducks, Ryan has scored just 13 and 11 goals in each of the past two years in Ottawa. Those numbers are nowhere near the production expected from a player that is set to make \$7.5 million every year until the 2021-22 season.

The Islanders have the cap space to eat that con-

tract, which could coax the Senators into trading Karlsson to them. New York also has a wealth of young talent that could be used as well, though the taking on of Ryan's contract and Karlsson's contract situation would likely lessen Ottawa's return slightly.

Absorbing Ryan's

contract would be a small price to pay for a two-way defenseman who is in the prime of a Hall-of-Fame career. At 28 years old, the Swede still has plenty of serviceable years left. He is recently coming off of a fourth-straight season in which he recorded over 60 points.

## LeBron James signs with \$154 million dollar deal with Lakers

The NBA world was rocked to its core on Sunday night when Klutch Sports Group announced that LeBron James signed a four-year, \$154 million deal to join the Los Angeles Lakers.

It was a far less-publicized move compared to his original departure from the Cleveland Cavaliers in 2010 when he had a TV spot titled "The Decision" to reveal that he was "taking his talents to South Beach" to join the Miami Heat, but the choice is just as sizable.

James joining the Lakers officially ends his second stint with the Cavaliers, a four-year stay that yielded four Eastern Conference titles and one NBA title.

Despite having 15 NBA seasons under his belt, the 33-year-old is still considered one of the greatest players on the planet. He finished second behind Houston Rockets star James



LeBron James opted out of his contract with Cleveland on Friday, allowing him to sign with the Lakers Sunday night. GETTY IMAGES

Harden in the league's MVP voting this year after averaging 27.5 points, a career-high 9.1 assists and 8.6 rebounds per game.

In an Instagram story helping reveal his move to Los Angeles, James thanked the Cavaliers

for the last four seasons, adding "this will always be home."

But now James will be tasked with turning around one of the proudest franchises in NBA history, though times have been tough as of late.

The Lakers, who are

rebuilding, have not made the postseason for five-straight seasons, the longest drought in franchise history, though things are improving.

With a developing nucleus of youngsters that include Lonzo Ball, Kyle Kuzma, Brandon In-

gram and Julius Randle, Los Angeles won 35 games in 2017-18. That's the most wins in a single season since the 2012-13 campaign.

James quickly brings credibility to the Lakers in a loaded West and puts them in the conversation

as contenders.

However, his streak of eight-straight NBA Finals appearances will be in serious jeopardy in Hollywood. He will be competing in a conference that features the dynastic Golden State Warriors and the dangerous Houston Rockets coming off a 65-win season. That's far more harrowing a task than the mediocre East that provided a much easier road to the championship series.

Earlier on Sunday, the 76ers felt as if they were in the running to land King James. According to ESPN's Adrian Wojnarowski earlier on Sunday, the Sixers were expected to meet with James' representatives.

Also on Sunday, Paul George announced that he would be staying with the Oklahoma City Thunder, initially putting a damper on the dreams of Lakers fans. It's amazing how things could change in 24 hours. JOE PANTORNO



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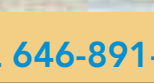
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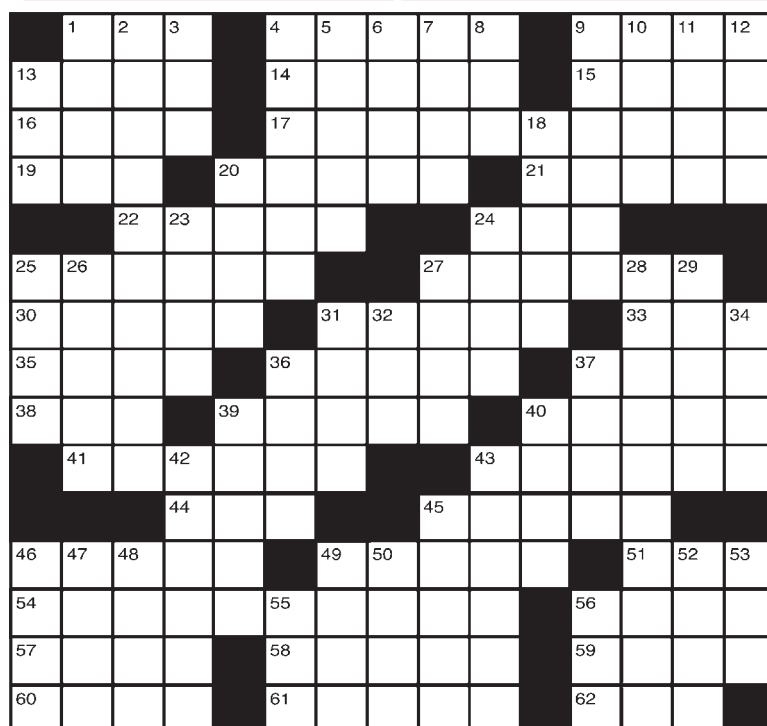
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## ACROSS

- 1 Kitten's cry  
4 Remove the lid from  
9 Suffix for favor or accept  
13 Long skirt  
14 Boscs and Bartletts  
15 Bona fide  
16 Storyline  
17 Sewer system alternative  
19 That girl  
20 \_\_ one's time; waits  
21 Sty cries  
22 Paper fasteners  
24 Yrbk. section  
25 Fly a plane  
27 Nostril divider  
30 Leave high and dry  
31 Jabs  
33 Capture  
35 Call it \_\_; quit and go home  
36 Bulb flower  
37 Eat  
38 Fellows  
39 Fisherman's hopes

- 40 Shy  
41 "Do unto \_\_..."  
43 Plains of South America  
44 Mature  
45 "Peter \_\_ picked a peck..."  
46 Long look  
49 Military blockade  
51 Have unpaid bills  
54 Making no sense  
56 Passionate  
57 Shoots carefully  
58 Small weight  
59 Coop dwellers  
60 Playwright Hart  
61 Rattled  
62 Want \_\_; newspaper section

## DOWN

- 1 Beard wearer  
2 Unreasonable, as prices  
3 Funny person  
4 Pineapple \_\_-down cake  
5 Has to have  
6 Cloak  
7 Fine \_\_; painting, sculpture, etc.  
8 Fraternity letter  
9 Monet or Manet  
10 Three-\_\_ salad  
11 Long and thin  
12 Forest animals  
13 Speedometer letters  
18 Part of USMC  
20 Cleansing process  
23 Risqué  
24 Army vehicle  
25 First man  
26 VCR insertion  
27 Enjoys a winter sport  
28 No better than before  
29 Excessive enthusiasm  
31 \_\_ up with; tolerates  
32 Spanish cheer  
34 Pieces of furniture  
36 Michelin product  
37 Bit of change  
39 Sire children  
40 Gift wrapper's need  
42 Annoy persistently  
43 Little squealer  
45 Harmony  
46 Setting for "The King and I"  
47 Threesome  
48 Up in \_\_; irate  
49 Dinner course  
50 Traveler's stops  
52 Victories  
53 Sullivan and Harris  
55 Debtor's note  
56 \_\_ moment; instant of realization

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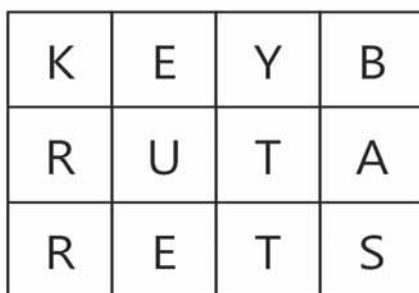
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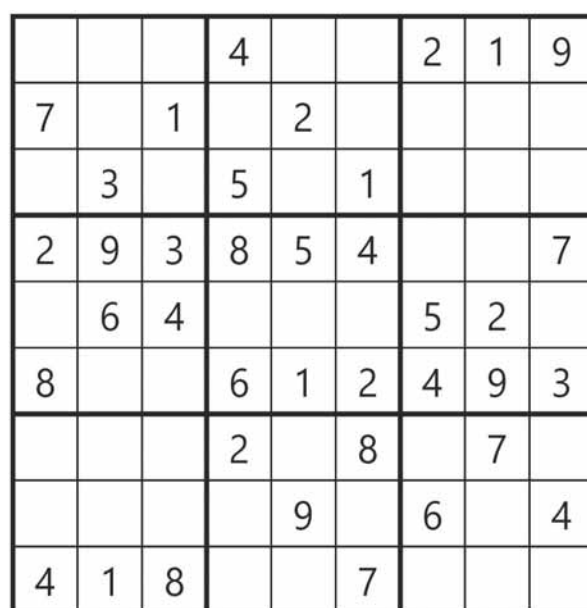
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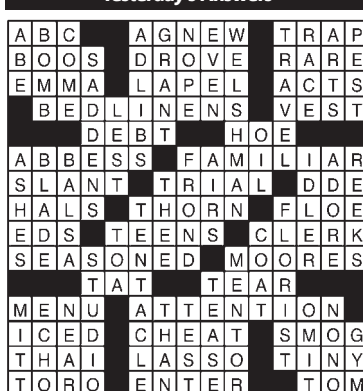
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